



# Idaho Crop & Livestock Producer News

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*Dear Respondent:*

*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the Onion Production Survey. Acreage, yield, and production were reported for the U.S., Region, and selected States.*

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Sincerely,

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## Idaho Onion Production

In Idaho, the 2012 summer storage onion production decreased 14 percent from 2011 according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Production is estimated at 6.21 million cwt, down from the 7.18 million cwt produced in 2011. Planted and harvested acreage decreased 700 acres from last year to 8,700 acres, and 8,500 acres, respectively. Onion yield is down 50 cwt from 2011 to 730 cwt per acre. The value of the 2012 crop totaled \$52.1 million, up from \$36.8 million in 2011. The price per cwt for the 2012 crop is \$10.00, up from \$6.10 the previous year. Shrinkage and loss for 2012 totaled 1.00 million cwt, down from 1.15 million cwt last year.

Combining Idaho and Malheur County, the 2012 summer storage onion production decreased 8 percent from 2011. Production is estimated at 14.2 million cwt. Harvested acreage decreased 1,400 acres from 2011 to 19,100 acres, onion yield decreased 11 cwt to 741 cwt per acre. The value of the 2012 crop totaled \$124.2 million, up from \$77.9 million in 2011.

Nationally, summer storage production is down 1 percent from 2011 to 54.0 million cwt. Harvested acreage is up from 99,230 acres in 2011 to 103,750 acres in 2012. The U.S. average summer storage yield is down 32 cwt per acre from 2011 to 520 cwt per acre. The 2012 summer storage crop is valued at \$555 million, compared to \$408 million in 2011. Shrinkage and loss for the 2012 crop totaled 4.92 million cwt, down from 5.88 million cwt last year.

## Onions: Harvested Acres, Yield, and Production by Season, State, and United States, 2011-2012

Season and State	Harvested Acres		Yield		Production		
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	% of 2011
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		
Spring <sup>1</sup>	29,600	24,900	299	296	8,845	7,378	83
Summer							
Non-Storage <sup>1</sup>	18,800	19,600	556	555	10,452	10,878	104
Storage <sup>2</sup>							
California <sup>3</sup>	29,500	29,800	440	436	12,980	13,000	100
Colorado	6,900	6,200	415	420	2,864	2,604	91
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>9,200</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>7,176</b>	<b>6,205</b>	<b>86</b>
Michigan	3,400	2,800	240	230	816	644	79
New York	6,200	10,100	305	310	1,891	3,131	166
Oregon							
Malheur	11,300	10,600	730	750	8,249	7,950	96
Other	9,500	8,700	685	590	6,508	5,133	79
Washington	20,000	23,500	650	590	13,000	13,865	107
Wisconsin	1,500	1,800	370	310	555	558	101
Other States <sup>4</sup>	1,730	1,750	440	520	761	910	120
Total	99,230	103,750	552	520	54,800	54,000	99
Summer	118,030	123,350	553	526	65,252	64,878	99
United States	147,630	148,250	502	487	74,097	72,256	98

1 Primarily fresh.

2 Includes some quantities of storage crop onions harvested but not sold because of shrinkage and loss.

3 Primarily for dehydrated and other processing.

4 OH and UT.

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**Onions: Value by Season, State, and the United States 2010-2012**

Season and State	Price Per CWT			Value of Production		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Spring <sup>1</sup>	39.10	19.90	25.00	292,706	175,624	184,718
Summer						
Non-Storage <sup>1</sup>	22.30	15.10	18.80	221,876	158,225	204,603
Storage <sup>2</sup>						
California <sup>3</sup>	9.29	8.04	10.10	118,861	102,389	128,777
Colorado	17.70	13.60	17.10	45,666	34,462	39,569
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>8.70</b>	<b>6.10</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>50,025</b>	<b>36,759</b>	<b>52,050</b>
Michigan	14.80	14.80	13.00	10,419	9,664	7,748
New York	19.70	16.80	16.90	53,702	26,695	46,036
Oregon						
Malheur	8.79	5.94	10.10	63,411	41,158	72,104
Other	9.05	7.54	9.96	46,798	42,201	43,764
Washington	11.20	8.90	11.70	135,744	104,130	147,619
Wisconsin	12.50	13.80	13.40	3,350	6,886	6,499
Other States <sup>4</sup>	8.34	5.31	11.60	7,146	4,043	10,542
Total	10.70	8.35	11.30	535,122	408,387	554,708
Summer	12.60	9.54	12.70	756,998	566,612	759,311
United States	15.60	10.90	14.00	1,049,704	742,236	944,029

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